



MINUTES
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, February 12, 2024, 3:00 P.M.
SHAW AUDITORIUM, VANCOUVER ISLAND CONFERENCE CENTRE
80 COMMERCIAL STREET, NANAIMO, BC

Members: Mayor L. Krog, Chair
Councillor S. Armstrong
Councillor T. Brown*
Councillor B. Geselbracht
Councillor E. Hemmens
Councillor P. Manly
Councillor J. Perrino
Councillor I. Thorpe

Absent: Councillor H. Eastmure

Staff: D. Lindsay, Chief Administrative Officer
L. Mercer, General Manager, Corporate Services
B. Sims, General Manager, Engineering and Public Works
T. Doyle, Fire Chief
W. Fulla, Director, Finance
S. Gurrie, Director, Legislative Services
J. Van Horne, Director, Human Resources
D. Burgos, Manager, Corporate Communications & Community
Relation
N. Sponaule, Communications Advisor
K. Lundgren, Recording Secretary

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

The Special Council Meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

* Denotes electronic meeting participation as authorized by "Council Procedure Bylaw 2018 No. 7272"

2. PROCEDURAL MOTION:

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be closed to the public in order to deal with agenda items under the *Community Charter*:

Section 90(1) A part of a Council meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following:

(i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

The motion carried unanimously.

Council moved In Camera at 3:00 p.m.

Council moved out of In Camera at 3:42 p.m.

Council recessed the Open Meeting at 3:42 p.m.

Council reconvened the Open meeting at 4:00 p.m.

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

(a) Agenda Item 5(a) Alternative Approval Process Update and Next Steps – Add report titled “Alternative Approval Process Update and Next Steps”.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

It was moved and seconded that the Agenda be adopted as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

5. REPORTS:

a. Alternative Approval Process Update and Next Steps

Introduced by Dale Lindsay, Chief Administrative Officer.

- An error in the “Nanaimo Operations Centre Phase One Borrowing Bylaw 2023 No. 7362” Alternative Approval Process (AAP) was confirmed
- Staff recommend that Council cancel the AAP, abandon the bylaw, and direct Staff to return to Council with options to fund the Nanaimo Operations Centre (NOC)
- The NOC continues to be a priority

Delegations:

1. Sandy Bartlett expressed concern’s regarding the Alternative Approval Process’ effectiveness of providing notice to citizens, requested more notification be given, and requested that Council undertake a referendum for the project.

2. Valentina Cardinali expressed concerns regarding the costs for the Nanaimo Operations Centre (NOC) project, alternative options for the NOC, requested clarification on the cost of the future phases, and expressed concerns regarding the AAP.

It was moved and seconded that Council

- a. Cancel the current Alternative Approval Process;
- b. Abandon “Nanaimo Operations Centre Phase One Borrowing Bylaw 2023 No. 7362”; and,
- c. Direct Staff to return to Council with options to fund Phase One of the Nanaimo Operations Centre project.

The motion carried unanimously.

6. QUESTION PERIOD:

Council received one question from the public regarding agenda items.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 4:19 p.m. that the meeting adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CORPORATE OFFICER